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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,972,258, dated November 20, 1990 issued to Frederick, et al.;
2. EP 0 978 251 A1 published February 9, 2000;
3. Japanese Application Publication No. 61-19584 dated June 12, 1986 together with an English language abstract;

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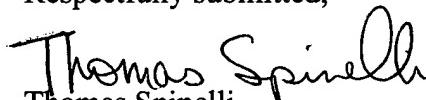
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4. Japanese Application Laid Open 07-155291 dated June 20, 1995 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Application Laid Open 08-248465 dated September 27, 1996 together with English language abstract;
6. Japanese Application Laid Open 10-127568 dated May 19, 1998 together with English language abstract;
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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of references 1 and 3 to 8 of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

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